

Average Cost Per Kilowatthour Industrial Sector (Cents)

Kentucky's electric power costs, in the industrial sector, ranked the lowest in the nation for the fifth consecutive year.

Kentucky's industrial power costs are over 12% lower than any other state east of the Mississippi River and over a third lower than the U.S. average. Electric power in Kentucky is distributed by four investor owned electric utilities, approximately thirty municipal electric systems, twenty-four rural electric cooperatives and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Recent average annual costs (cents per KWH) for Kentucky and selected states are shown below.

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Kentucky	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0
U.S. Average	5.3	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.6
KY – % of U.S.	62%	63%	63%	60%	65%

Selected States	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Alabama	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.9
Arkansas	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.2
Georgia	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.1
Illinois	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.0
Indiana	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.8
Michigan	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1
Mississippi	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1
Missouri	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
N. Carolina	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6
Ohio	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.4
S. Carolina	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.7
Tennessee	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
Virginia	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.9
W. Virginia	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8

Source: Energy Information Administration/Electric Power Annual 2004. Rates are in Cents per KWH.

Power costs in Kentucky vary with the demand load, power usage, service equipment provided, and the distributor providing the services. Cost estimates for specific locations in Kentucky can be provided by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, upon receipt of detailed electric power requirement figures.

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